

Kind wishes for your safe  
arrival, I am

Yours  
most respectfully  
Henry A. Botander

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Prof. Dr. Asa Gray.

Dear Sir,

I have two letters  
of yours before me. Certainly will  
I collect a small number of all things  
unborrow to me.

*Melica aristata* Thurb. is as true  
a *Melica* as any existing. Its inner  
structure is decidedly that of a  
*Melica*, also its habit and habitat  
I have quite a number on hand which  
you shall all have besides other  
good things.

I am happy to learn that you  
have decided to come. Yes let us  
have a fine time; fortunately  
I am now so placed that I

can accompany you. Please  
make it a long stay, for we  
have many places worth seeing.

Can not Dr. Torrey be per-  
suaded to come?

Will Prof. Brewer give  
us also a school edition  
of his work? If he should  
neglect to do so, others will  
take advantage of it and re-  
alize a handsome profit  
from it. The greatest desider-  
atum now is undoubtedly  
a good cheap botanical text  
book.

I shall make a short trip  
before your arrival into the  
eastern portion of the Sierras.  
I will be back by the time  
you come.

With due regard and